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1. The amendment filed on 3/11/96 is non-responsive. In response to the Office Action mailed 2/6/96, applicant elected the species KMVELVHFL. While this is a MAGE peptide that binds HLA-A2.1 which is disclosed in the specification, this peptide is not a species encompassed by claims 1-10 (also elected in response to the Office Action mailed 2/6/96). Claim 1 specifies that the first conserved residue at the second position from the N-terminus of the 9mer be I, V, A or T. The peptide KMVELVHFL does not meet this requirement. Claim 2 specifies that the 9mer contain a second conserved residue at the C-terminal which is A or M. The peptide KMVELVHFL does not meet this requirement. Applicant needs to elect a peptide species that is drawn to the claims under consideration (eg. 1-10).

Applicant is given a one (1) month time limit or until the expiration of the response period set in the last Office action, whichever is longer, to complete the response. No extension of this time limit will be granted under either 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) or (b) but the period for response set in the last Office action may be extended up to a maximum of six months.

2. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 180 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Papers related to this application should be faxed to Group 180 at (703) 305-7939.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Ron Schwadron whose telephone number is (703) 308-4680. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternative Mondays. A message may be left on the examiners voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 180 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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